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Jackson-George Regional Library System Celebrates National Library Week (April 19–26, 2026)

JACKSON/GEORGE COUNTY, MS — The Jackson-George Regional Library System is proud to celebrate *National Library Week, April 19–26, 2026, with the theme “Finding Your Joy.”*

National Library Week is a time to recognize the important role libraries play in strengthening communities and enriching lives. From books and digital resources to programs and services for all ages, libraries offer countless opportunities to learn, connect, and be inspired.

Throughout the week, community members are encouraged to visit their local branch, explore new materials, and take part in the many resources available. Whether discovering a new favorite book, attending a program, or simply enjoying a welcoming space, the library is a place where everyone can find joy.

Join us in celebrating National Library Week, because your next great adventure starts at the library.

For more information about services and programs, please contact your local branch or visit the Jackson-George Regional Library System online.

Jackson-George Regional Library System Celebrates Snapshot Day During National Library Week

JACKSON/GEORGE COUNTY, MS — As part of **National Library Week (April 19–25, 2026)**, the Jackson-George Regional Library System (JGRLS) is proud to participate in **Snapshot Day 2026: A Day in the Life of Mississippi Libraries** on **Thursday, April 23, 2026**.

Snapshot Day is a statewide initiative that captures a single day of activity in libraries across Mississippi, highlighting the essential services and meaningful impact libraries have on their communities. From early literacy and technology access to educational programs and community connections, Snapshot Day provides a real-time look at how libraries enrich lives every day.

This year’s National Library Week theme, **“Find Your Joy,”** encourages patrons to explore all the ways libraries bring inspiration, learning, and connection into their lives. Snapshot Day, held on **Take Action for Libraries Day**, offers a unique opportunity for the community to see firsthand how their support helps libraries thrive.

JGRLS invites patrons to visit their local branch on April 23, participate in programs, and be part of this important statewide story.

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Jackson-George Regional Library System Highlights “America’s NewsBank” as Featured E-Resource

Pascagoula, MS —The Jackson-George Regional Library System (JGRLS) is spotlighting *America’s NewsBank* as its latest E-Resource Monthly Highlight, offering patrons free access to thousands of trusted news sources from across the country.

America’s NewsBank provides users with comprehensive coverage from local, regional, and national newspapers, along with archived articles for in-depth research. The platform is designed to support students, educators, researchers, and community members seeking reliable, up-to-date information.

“With America’s NewsBank, our patrons can stay informed and connected to current events at every level, from local stories to national headlines,” said Jeanne Damiano, Assistant Director CMS/TS. “It’s a powerful tool for learning, research, and everyday awareness.”

Key features of America’s NewsBank include:

- Access to thousands of newspapers nationwide
- Current and historical news coverage
- User-friendly search tools for topics, events, and articles
- Reliable resources for academic and personal use

Best of all, this resource is available **free of charge** to all JGRLS library cardholders.

Patrons can access America’s NewsBank by scanning the QR code featured in JGRLS promotional materials or by visiting the library’s website.

For more information, visit www.jgrls.org or contact your local JGRLS branch.

Stay informed. Stay curious. For more information about programs and services, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow [@JacksonGeorgeLibrary](https://www.instagram.com/JacksonGeorgeLibrary) on social media.

EAST CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

For more information, contact:
George Broadus branch manager – 228-588-6263

East Central Public Library Hosts Cherry Blossom Art Painting Session

PASCAGOULA, MS — East Central Public Library will host a relaxing and creative **Cherry Blossom Art Painting Session** on **Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 1 p.m.**

Community members are invited to take a creative break and enjoy an afternoon inspired by the beauty of cherry blossoms. Participants will create their own cherry blossom artwork while connecting with fellow community members in a welcoming and fun environment.

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All art supplies will be provided, and **no prior art experience is required**, making the program perfect for beginners and experienced artists alike. The event will take place at **East Central Public Library, 21801 Slider Rd.**

For more information, call **228-588-6263**, visit www.jgrls.org, or follow Facebook **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary**.

East Central Public Library Hosts “Art Party” to Celebrate World Art Day

Pascagoula, MS — The East Central Public Library invites the community to get creative at its upcoming **Art Party** on **Monday, April 13 at 3:30 p.m.** at the library, located at **21801 Slider Road**.

In celebration of **World Art Day**, this colorful and creative event will offer a variety of hands-on art activities for participants of all ages. From painting and crafting to sculpting with Play-Doh, attendees will have the opportunity to explore different artistic mediums in a relaxed, fun environment.

The Art Party encourages creativity, imagination, and community connection through artistic expression. Families, children, teens, and adults are all welcome to join in the celebration.

All materials will be provided, and no artistic experience is required, just bring your creativity.

For more information, contact **East Central Public Library** at **228-588-6263** or visit www.jgrls.org.

East Central Public Library Invites Community to “Verses in Bloom” Poetry Event

Pascagoula, MS — The East Central Public Library will host **“Verses in Bloom,”** a welcoming poetry gathering on **Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 1 p.m.** at the library, located at **21801 Slider Road**.

This relaxed afternoon event celebrates the beauty of poetry and creative expression. Participants will explore writing prompts, share ideas, and enjoy a supportive atmosphere where creativity can flourish. Whether you’re an experienced poet or someone simply curious about trying poetry for the first time, everyone is welcome.

“Verses in Bloom” encourages community members to discover their voice and experience the joy of creative freedom through poetry. No prior writing experience is necessary, just bring your imagination.

For more information, contact **East Central Public Library** at **228-588-6263** or visit www.jgrls.org. *You don’t have to be a poet to write poetry.*

East Central Public Library Hosts “The Inkwell” Teen Artists & Writers Club

PASCAGOULA, MS — East Central Public Library invites teens to explore their creativity at **The Inkwell: Teen Artists & Writers Club** on **Monday, April 27 from 3–5 p.m.**

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This program is designed for **teens ages 12–17** who are interested in writing, art, and creative expression. Participants can **work on existing projects or learn new writing and art techniques** in a supportive and creative environment.

Teens are welcome to **drop by anytime during the session or stay for the full program.**

The event will be held at **East Central Public Library, 21801 Slider Rd.**

For more information, call **228-588-6263**, visit www.jgrls.org, or follow Facebook **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary**.

East Central Public Library Celebrates National Great Poetry Reading Day

PASCAGOULA, MS — East Central Public Library invites community members to celebrate **National Great Poetry Reading Day** on **Tuesday, April 28 at 10:00 a.m.**

Participants are encouraged to share their creativity by **reading their own poetry or a favorite poem written by another author**. The event offers a welcoming space for poetry lovers and newcomers alike to enjoy the power of spoken words and literary expression.

Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the East Central Library. The event will be held at **East Central Public Library, 21801 Slider Rd.** For more information, call **228-588-6263**, visit www.jgrls.org, or follow Facebook **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary**.

“Teatime with Ms. Tammy” Every Thursday at East Central Public Library

East Central, MS —The East Central Public Library invites the community to slow down and savor a moment of calm at **“Teatime with Ms. Tammy,” held every Thursday at 1:00 p.m.**

Join us each week for a cozy afternoon of **conversation, camaraderie, and, of course, tea!** This welcoming gathering offers a chance to unwind, share stories, and enjoy good company in a relaxed setting.

Whether you’re a tea enthusiast or simply looking for a peaceful break in your week, *Teatime with Ms. Tammy* is the perfect opportunity to connect with others and enjoy the warmth of community. Remember, there’s always time for tea. For more information, visit the **East Central Public Library** or follow us on social media for updates and upcoming sessions.

East Central Public Library Invites Families to Join “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” Challenge

HURLEY, MS – The East Central Public Library is excited to launch the **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten** program, designed to inspire a lifelong love of reading in young children. This free, year-round challenge encourages families to read together and track their progress—one book at a time.

The program is open to children from birth to age 5. Even repeated books count, and families can earn a small prize for every 100 books read. After reaching the 1,000-book milestone, participants will receive a special prize to celebrate their achievement.

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Sign-ups begin this September at East Central Public Library. “Reading with your child every day builds vocabulary, strengthens bonds, and lays the foundation for future learning,” said Lynn Rainey, branch manager.

Read it and reap—1,000 adventures await!

KATHLEEN MCILWAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY OF GAUTIER

For more information contact:

Michelle McCartney, Branch Manager – 228-497-4531

Gautier Public Library Hosts Generative Writing Workshop

GAUTIER, MS — Gautier Public Library invites aspiring writers to attend a **Generative Writing Workshop** on **Thursday, April 9 at 5:00 p.m.**

Designed for **teens and adults**, this free workshop will help participants create new poetry as part of the “**30 Poems / 30 Days**” challenge. The session will provide writing prompts and inspiration to help writers generate fresh ideas and develop their creative voice.

Whether participants are experienced writers or just beginning their creative journey, the workshop offers a supportive environment to explore poetry and creative expression.

The event will be held at **Gautier Public Library, 2100 Library Lane**. Participation is **free**, but registration is encouraged.

Gautier Public Library Hosts “Science with Peeps” Program

GAUTIER, MS — Gautier Public Library invites families to a fun and educational program, **Science with Peeps**, on **Saturday, April 11, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.**

Participants will explore science through hands-on experiments using everyone’s favorite marshmallow treats. From creative tests to playful experiments, possibly even slime, this program offers a sweet way to learn about science. **Peeps will be provided by the Friends of the Gautier Public Library.**

The event will take place at **Gautier Public Library, 2100 Library Lane**.

Gautier Public Library Hosts Page Turners Book Club Meeting

GAUTIER, MS — Gautier Public Library invites book lovers to its **Page Turners Monthly Meeting** on **Saturday, April 18 at 10:30 a.m.**

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Participants will gather to discuss the **book of the month**, *The Bewitching* by **Silvia Moreno-Garcia**, along with other books they're currently enjoying. The Page Turners Book Club offers a welcoming space for readers to share recommendations, discover new titles, and connect with fellow book enthusiasts.

Refreshments will be generously provided by the Friends of the Gautier Public Library.

The meeting will take place at **Gautier Public Library, 2100 Library Lane**. For more information, call **228-497-4531**, visit www.jgrls.org, or follow Facebook **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary**.

Gautier Public Library Hosts DIY Fairy House Planter Workshop

GAUTIER, MS — Gautier Public Library invites the community to welcome spring with a creative **DIY Fairy House Planter Workshop** on **Saturday, April 25 at 11 a.m.**

Participants will create their own whimsical fairy house planter while enjoying a fun and relaxing crafting experience. **All supplies will be provided**, making it easy for attendees to design a unique planter to take home.

Space is limited, and participants are encouraged to **call or visit the library to reserve their spot**.

The workshop will take place at **Gautier Public Library, 2100 Library Lane**. For more information or to reserve a space, call **228-497-4531**, visit www.jgrls.org, or follow Facebook **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary**.

Weekly Story Time at Gautier Public Library

Gautier, MS – The **Gautier Public Library** invites families to join us every **Thursday at 10:00 a.m.** for **Story Time**, a fun and interactive program designed for children ages **0–5**.

Each week, little ones will enjoy a lively blend of **music, movement, and picture book read-aloud**, all designed to support early literacy and a love for reading. Story Time is a perfect opportunity for parents and caregivers to bond with their children while helping them build important pre-reading skills. No registration required, just drop in and join the fun!

Lap Sit Story Time at Gautier Public Library

Gautier, MS – **Gautier Public Library** invites caregivers and their little ones to **Lap Sit Story Time** every **Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.** Designed for **infants ages 0–12 months**, this gentle program features short stories, songs, and rhymes that support early language development and bonding.

Bring your baby, relax, and enjoy a warm, welcoming space to connect with other caregivers while introducing your child to the joys of reading. For details, call the library or visit our social media pages.

Gautier Public Library Shares Warmth with Little Free Tea Library

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Gautier, MS – Gautier Public Library invites the community to enjoy a cozy seasonal treat through its **Little Free Tea Library**, offering **free bags of tea** to help celebrate the cool weather and holiday season.

Visitors are welcome to stop by the library and select a complimentary bag of tea, with a limit of **one per person per day**, while supplies last. The Little Free Tea Library is made possible through generous donations from the **Friends of the Gautier Public Library** and **Good Things by Gidget**.

The Little Free Tea Library is located at **Gautier Public Library, 2100 Library Lane**. For more information, call **228-497-4531** or visit www.JGRLS.org.

Mississippi Poetry Society – South Branch Welcomes Community to Monthly Meetings

Gautier, MS – Poetry lovers, writers, and creative minds are invited to attend the **Mississippi Poetry Society – South Branch** monthly meetings at **Gautier Public Library**.

Meetings are held at **2:00 p.m.** and are open to everyone, whether you write poetry, enjoy reading it, or simply appreciate the art of words.

Upcoming meeting dates include:

~~February 14~~

~~March 14~~

April 11

May 16

These gatherings offer a welcoming space to share original work, discuss poetry, and connect with fellow creatives in the community.

Come share your voice, find inspiration, and celebrate the power of poetry.

Gautier Public Library Hosts Monthly Trivia Night at Antonio's Pizzeria

Gautier, MS — Think you know it all? Put your knowledge to the test at **Trivia Night with the Gautier Public Library**, held at **Antonio's Pizzeria** on the **last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.**

Enjoy an evening of fun, food, and friendly competition while supporting your local library. Trivia Night is free to play and open to all—bring your friends, form a team, and see if you have what it takes to be the champions!

This event is made possible through the generous sponsorship of **Spanish Trail Lanes Bowling Center**, **Antonio's Pizzeria**, and the **Friends of the Library – Gautier**.

Gautier Public Library Welcomes New and Returning Members to Monthly Friends of the Library Meeting

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Gautier, MS — The Gautier Public Library invites community members to join the **Friends of the Library Monthly Membership Meeting**, held every **third Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.** at the library.

These meetings offer an opportunity to support and shape the future of the library through discussions on fundraising, marketing, and event planning. Members also provide valuable feedback and ideas for programs and services that benefit the entire community.

Annual membership is just **\$5 for individuals** or **\$10 for families**, with corporate sponsorships beginning at **\$25**. New members are always welcome!

For more information, call the Gautier Public Library at **228-497-4531** or visit www.jgrls.org.

LUCEDALE-GEORGE COUNTY LIBRARY

For more information contact: Katy Osborne, branch manager (601) 947-2123

Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts Annual Easter Egg Hunt

LUCEDALE, MS — Lucedale-George County Public Library invites families to celebrate spring at its **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** on **Saturday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m.**

The morning will begin with a festive **Easter Story Time**, followed by the exciting egg hunt. Children will also have the opportunity to **meet the Easter Bunny and take photos** during the event.

Light refreshments will be provided courtesy of the **Friends of the Lucedale-George County Public Library**, and special thanks go to **C Spire for sponsoring this year's event**.

The celebration will take place at **Lucedale-George County Public Library, 507 Oak Street**.

For more information, call **601-947-2123**, visit www.jgrls.org, or follow **Facebook @LucedaleGeorgeLibrary**.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Presents "Life in the Time of Shakespeare"

LUCEDALE, MS — Lucedale-George County Public Library invites the community to explore history and literature during **Life in the Time of Shakespeare** on **Thursday, April 9 at 5:00 p.m.**

This engaging program will feature a discussion of **food, fashion, and culture during the lifetime of William Shakespeare**, offering a fascinating glimpse into daily life in the Elizabethan era.

Attendees will also receive a preview of the upcoming **Shakespeare in the Park** event, scheduled for **Saturday, April 11 from 12–4 p.m. at Lucedale City Park**.

The program will take place at **Lucedale-George County Public Library, 507 Oak Street**.

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Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts Children's Program on Pollinators

LUCEDALE, MS — Lucedale-George County Public Library invites families to a fun and educational children's program, **"Let's Bee Friends: All About Pollinators,"** on **Tuesday, April 14 at 4:00 p.m.**

During this interactive program, children will learn about the important role pollinators play in our environment. **Special guest Ann Howard from the MSU George County Extension Office** will lead the presentation and share fascinating facts about bees and other pollinators through hands-on activities.

The program is designed for curious young learners and encourages families to explore the wonders of nature together. **Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.**

The event will take place at **Lucedale-George County Public Library, 507 Oak Street.**

For more information, call **601-947-2123**, visit www.jgrls.org, or follow Facebook **@LucedaleGeorgeLibrary**.

The program is part of the **Jackson-George Regional Library System's mission to inspire ideas, enrich lives, and build communities.**

Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts Flower Bomb Teen Craft

LUCEDALE, MS — Lucedale-George County Public Library invites tweens and teens to get creative at the **Flower Bomb Teen Craft** program on **Thursday, April 16 at 4:00 p.m.**

Participants will create **flower seed bombs**, small bundles of seeds and soil that can be planted to grow beautiful wildflowers. During this hands-on craft session, attendees will learn how to mix, mold, and prepare the seed bombs while discovering a fun and eco-friendly way to add color to the environment.

The program is designed for **tweens and teens in 5th grade and up** and encourages creativity while promoting an appreciation for nature.

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Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts Spring Crafternoon

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LUCEDALE, MS — Lucedale-George County Public Library invites local crafters to gather for a **Spring Crafternoon on Thursday, April 23 at 4:00 p.m.**

Participants are encouraged to bring **any craft project they are currently working on** and enjoy an afternoon of creativity, inspiration, and conversation with fellow makers. Whether it's knitting, drawing, scrapbooking, or another creative hobby, the event offers a welcoming space to share ideas and connect with other crafters.

Snacks will be provided, making it a relaxed and enjoyable opportunity to create and socialize.

The event will take place at **Lucedale-George County Public Library, 507 Oak Street.**

For more information, call **601-947-2123**, visit www.jgrls.org, or follow Facebook **@LucedaleGeorgeLibrary**.

Donations Needed for Friends of the Library Rummage Sale

LUCEDALE, MS — The Friends of the Lucedale–George County Public Library are seeking donations for an upcoming **Rummage Sale Fundraiser** to support library programs and services.

Community members are invited to donate **household items they no longer need** to help make the sale a success. All proceeds from the rummage sale will directly benefit the **Lucedale–George County Public Library**.

Donations will begin being accepted on **Friday, April 24**, ahead of the rummage sale scheduled for **Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16**.

Please note that **clothing will not be accepted** as part of the donation drive.

Donations can be brought to the **Lucedale–George County Public Library, 507 Oak Street.**

For more information, call **601-947-2123**, visit www.jgrls.org, or follow Facebook **@LucedaleGeorgeLibrary**.

The Friends of the Library support the mission of the **Jackson-George Regional Library System to inspire ideas, enrich lives, and build communities.**

Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts “Find Your Joy” Bookmark Design Contest

LUCEDALE, MS — Lucedale-George County Public Library is celebrating **National Library Week** with a creative community event: the **“Find Your Joy” Bookmark Design Contest**.

The contest is **open to all ages**, and participants must have a **JGRLS library card** to enter. Each person or group may submit **one entry**. The winning bookmark design will be **professionally printed and distributed by the library**.

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To enter, participants should pick up a **submission form and template at the library's front desk**, review the official rules, and submit their completed design either at the front desk or by email.

The **submission deadline is Saturday, April 25.**

Participants under the age of 18 must have **parent or guardian consent**, and entries must follow contest guidelines to be eligible.

For more information or to review the official rules, visit **Lucedale-George County Public Library, 507 Oak Street**, call **601-947-2123**, or follow **Facebook @LucedaleGeorgeLibrary**.

The contest is part of the **Jackson-George Regional Library System's mission to inspire ideas, enrich lives, and build communities.**

Lucedale-George County Public Library Launches Writers Club

LUCEDALE, MS — Lucedale-George County Public Library invites aspiring and experienced writers to join its **Writers Club**, meeting **Tuesday, April 28 at 5:00 p.m.**

The club provides a welcoming space for writers to gather, share ideas, and work on their creative projects. Participants are encouraged to bring **notebooks, laptops, or any tools they use for writing** and enjoy a focused time to write, exchange feedback, and find inspiration among fellow writers.

Writers Club will **meet monthly on the last Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.**

The meeting will take place at **Lucedale-George County Public Library, 507 Oak Street.**

For more information, call **601-947-2123**, visit www.jgrls.org, or follow **Facebook @LucedaleGeorgeLibrary**.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Hosts Flower Hammering and Watercolor Workshop

LUCEDALE, MS — Lucedale-George County Public Library invites the community to explore a relaxing and creative art experience during a **Flower Hammering and Watercolor Workshop** on **Thursday, April 30 at 4:00 p.m.**

Participants will learn how to create beautiful botanical prints using **real flowers and gentle hammering techniques**, then enhance their designs with **simple watercolor accents**. The program offers a calming, nature-inspired opportunity to experiment with a unique art form while enjoying time with fellow creatives.

The workshop is perfect for anyone looking to unwind, try something new, and explore artistic expression.

The event will take place at **Lucedale-George County Public Library, 507 Oak Street.**

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The program is part of the **Jackson-George Regional Library System's mission to inspire ideas, enrich lives, and build communities.**

Lucedale-George County Public Library Welcomes Families to Weekly Story Time

LUCEDALE, MS – The Lucedale-George County Public Library invites young children and their caregivers to join **Story Time every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.** Each session features delightful stories, songs, and fun activities designed to spark imagination and nurture a love of reading from an early age.

This family-friendly event provides a wonderful opportunity for children to develop early literacy skills in a welcoming environment.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Expands LEGO Club to Twice a Month

Lucedale, MS — The Lucedale-George County Public Library is excited to announce that its popular **LEGO Club** will now meet **twice a month!** Children and families are invited to join the club every **1st and 3rd Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.** for an hour of creative building and fun.

The library provides all LEGO bricks, while participants bring the imagination and inspiration. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact the Lucedale-George County Public Library at (601) 947-2123.

Monthly Bingo at Lucedale–George County Public Library

Lucedale, MS — **Lucedale–George County Public Library** invites everyone to join in the fun at **BINGO!**, held on the **second Tuesday of every month at 2:00 p.m.** Enjoy an afternoon of **prizes, laughter, and community connection** as we gather for a friendly game of Bingo at the library. This event is perfect for all ages and is a great way to relax, meet new people, and share a few laughs.

No registration is required, simply **drop in and play!** Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Come for the Bingo, stay for the community, we can't wait to see you there!

Lucedale-George County Public Library Invites Community to Join “Friends of the Library”

Lucedale, MS — The Lucedale-George County Public Library is seeking new members to join the **Friends of the Library**, a volunteer group dedicated to supporting and enhancing library services. The Friends meet on the **first Thursday of each month at 3:30 p.m.**

The Friends of the Library play a vital role in helping the library grow into an exceptional resource, capable of meeting the informational and educational needs of the community. Members assist with fundraising, special programs, advocacy, and community outreach.

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Community members are encouraged to call, stop by the library, or attend the next meeting to learn more about becoming a Friend.

Lucedale-George County Public Library Launches Teen Crochet Club: 4th Thursday of every month

LUCEDALE, MS – Teens are invited to unwind and get crafty at the Lucedale-George County Public Library’s **Teen Crochet Club**, meeting on the **4th Thursday of every month at 4:00 p.m.** Whether you’re just learning or already a crochet pro, this club is the perfect place to chill, chat, and create fun projects.

All crochet supplies are provided, but participants are welcome to bring their own. Snacks will be generously provided by the Friends of the Lucedale-George County Public Library.

INA THOMPSON MOSS POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

For more information, contact: Liz Murphy, branch manager (228) 475-7562 ext. 2303

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Announces April Storytimes

MOSS POINT, MS — Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites families to join in the fun with a full month of themed **April Storytimes** designed to inspire imagination, creativity, and learning.

Children and families can enjoy a variety of engaging programs throughout the month:

- **April 7 – Let’s Go Fly a Kite!**
- **April 14 – Rhyme Time** celebrating National Poetry Month
- **April 18 – Family Saturday Storytime: Earth Day**
- **April 21 – All the Books!** celebrating National Library Week
- **April 28 – Jazz It Up!** celebrating National Dance Week and Jazz Appreciation Month

These interactive storytimes feature stories, songs, movement, and themed activities that make reading fun for young learners.

Programs will be held at **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library, 4119 Bellview Avenue.**

For more information, call **228-475-7462**, visit www.jgrls.org, or follow **Facebook and Instagram @JacksonGeorgeLibrary.**

These programs are part of the **Jackson-George Regional Library System’s mission to inspire ideas, enrich lives, and build communities.**

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Announces Spring Intersession Activities

Moss Point, MS – Looking for fun, free activities during Spring Intersession? Ina Thompson Moss Point Library has a full lineup of engaging programs for children and families from **March 23 through April 6.**

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Highlights include Storytimes, hands-on crafts, art activities, mystery-solving fun, and Brickstorm building sessions. Families can enjoy:

-  **Community Game Night** (April 2, begins at 4 PM)
-  **Brickstorm** (April 6, 10–12 & 2–4 PM)

Plus, don't miss special celebrations like **April Fool's Day fun on April 1** and ongoing poetry activities for National Poetry Month.

All programs are free and open to the community. For more information, call **228-475-7462** or visit www.jgrls.org.

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Hosts Spring Seed Bombs Workshop

MOSS POINT, MS — Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites the community to celebrate spring and support local pollinators at the **Spring Seed Bombs Workshop** on **Tuesday, April 7 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Participants will create **DIY seed bombs** using recycled paper and native wildflower seeds. These small bundles can be planted or tossed into soil to grow colorful flowers that benefit pollinators and add beauty to the community.

The hands-on workshop encourages participants to explore eco-friendly crafting while learning how small actions can contribute to a greener environment.

Registration is encouraged in advance. Participants can sign up at the library or call **228-475-7462** to reserve a spot.

For more information, visit www.jgrls.org or follow **Facebook and Instagram @JacksonGeorgeLibrary**.

The event is part of the **Jackson-George Regional Library System's mission to inspire ideas, enrich lives, and build communities.**

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Hosts Pallet Paint Craft

MOSS POINT, MS — Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites adults to get creative and celebrate sustainability at the **Pallet Paint Craft** program on **Thursday, April 9 at 5:00 p.m.**

Participants will transform recycled pallet wood into a unique painted craft during this hands-on workshop. The program encourages creativity while highlighting the value of reusing and repurposing materials.

The workshop is **open to ages 18 and older**, and **all materials will be provided**. Space is limited, and participants are encouraged to **reserve their spot in advance**.

To register, call **228-475-7462** or stop by the library.

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The program will be held at **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library, 4119 Bellview Avenue.**

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Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Celebrates National Poetry Month with Blackout Poetry Program

MOSS POINT, MS — Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites adults to celebrate **National Poetry Month** with a creative **Blackout Poetry** workshop on **Thursday, April 16 at 5:00 p.m.**

Blackout poetry is a unique art form where participants create poems by removing or “blacking out” words from a printed page, leaving behind a new piece of poetry formed from the remaining words. The activity blends creativity, writing, and visual art to produce one-of-a-kind works.

This abstract, hands-on program is **open to adults ages 18 and older**, and **all materials will be provided.**

Space for the program is limited, and participants are encouraged to **reserve their spot in advance** by calling **228-475-7462** or visiting the library.

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Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Hosts Easy Crochet Workshop

MOSS POINT, MS — Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites community members to learn a new skill at its **Easy Crochet Workshop** on **Saturday, April 18 at 1:00 p.m.**

This beginner-friendly program offers participants the opportunity to **discover the basics of crocheting** in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Materials will be provided for beginners who want to learn the craft, while more experienced crafters are encouraged to **bring their own projects** and enjoy an afternoon of creativity and conversation.

The workshop is a great way to explore a new hobby while connecting with fellow crafters in the community.

Participants are asked to **RSVP in advance** by signing up at the library or calling **228-475-7462.**

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Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Hosts “Pet Adoption 101” with Jackson County Animal Shelter

MOSS POINT, MS — Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites the community to attend **Pet Adoption 101**, a free informational program presented in partnership with the **Jackson County Animal Shelter**, on **Tuesday, April 21 at 4:00 p.m.**

This program is designed for anyone considering adopting a pet. Attendees will learn what to expect when adopting, how to prepare their home, and how to find the right pet for their lifestyle. Representatives from the Jackson County Animal Shelter will provide expert advice, answer questions, and offer guidance to help potential adopters take the first step toward giving an animal a loving home.

Space for the program is limited, and participants are encouraged to **reserve their spot in advance** by calling or visiting the library.

To reserve a spot or learn more, call **228-475-7462**, visit www.jgrls.org, or follow **Facebook and Instagram @JacksonGeorgeLibrary**.

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Hosts Teen Faux Stained-Glass Craft

MOSS POINT, MS — Teens are invited to get creative at **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library** during a special **Faux Stained Glass** craft program on **Thursday, April 23 beginning at 4:00 p.m.**

Participants will create colorful faux stained-glass artwork using simple materials to mimic the look of traditional stained glass. This hands-on activity encourages creativity and self-expression while allowing teens to explore a unique art style.

The event is part of the library’s **Teen Youth Services programming**, designed to provide fun, engaging activities for local teens.

Please note that the program is **loosely scheduled** to accommodate students’ afternoon activities. Teens may arrive later within the time block, though arriving late may require finishing the project at home rather than at the library.

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Moss Point Library Hosts “Hang onto Spring!” Craft Program for Adults

MOSS POINT, MS — The Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites the community to celebrate the season with its **“Hang onto Spring!”** craft program on **Thursday, April 30 at 5:00 p.m.**

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Participants will create a cheerful spring-themed door hanger, perfect for adding a touch of seasonal charm to any home. This relaxing, hands-on program encourages creativity while providing all the materials needed to complete a beautiful, take-home decoration.

The program is open to **adults ages 18 and up**. **Seating is limited**, so early registration is encouraged. To reserve a spot, call **228-475-7462** or stop by the library.

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Introduces Monthly “Mindful Motion” Program

MOSS POINT, MS — Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites the community to slow down and reconnect through **Mindful Motion**, a gentle movement program held on the **second Tuesday of each month**, beginning at **4:00 p.m.**

This self-guided session blends **Chair Yoga and Tai Chi**, combining calming movements and supportive stretches to promote relaxation, balance, and mindfulness. Participants will follow video instruction and printed guides, making the program accessible and easy to follow for all experience levels.

No prior experience is required attendees are encouraged to wear comfortable clothing and move at their own pace. This program is designed to offer a peaceful, welcoming space to breathe deeply and relax.

Mindful Motion takes place at **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library**, located at **4119 Bellview Avenue**. For more information, call **228-475-7462** or visit www.JGRLS.org.

Please note: This class is facilitated by a non-professional. Participants should consult a healthcare provider before starting any new exercise program.

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Launches Monthly Mystery Program “The Tuesday Case File”

MOSS POINT, MS — Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites the community to step into the role of detective with **The Tuesday Case File: Mystery & Mayhem**, a recurring program held on the **last Tuesday of each month**, beginning at **4:00 p.m.**

Each session presents a brand-new case filled with puzzles, plot twists, and unexpected turns. Participants will work to decode clues, follow red herrings, and race against the clock to solve the mystery before the final reveal. Every month brings a fresh challenge—no two cases are the same.

Attendees may come solo or form a team. No prior detective experience is required—just curiosity, creativity, and a willingness to dive into the unknown. Space is limited, and advance sign-up is encouraged.

The program takes place at **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library**, located at **4119 Bellview Avenue**. To add your name to the list or for more information, call **228-475-7462** or visit www.JGRLS.org.

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Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Invites Readers to Explore New Genres with Literary Compass Meeting

MOSS POINT, MS — Ina Thompson Moss Point Library invites book lovers to chart a new reading course with the **Literary Compass Meeting**; a monthly book club designed for readers who enjoy exploring a variety of genres.

The **Literary Compass Meeting** takes place on the **last Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m.** Participants will journey through a wide range of book types, including **mystery, fantasy, history, science fiction, and more**, offering fresh discussions and new perspectives each month.

Readers are encouraged to come for the stories and stay for the conversation. Whether attendees are seasoned book club members or new to literary discussions, all are welcome to join and share in thoughtful, engaging dialogue.

Meetings are held at **Ina Thompson Moss Point Library**, located at **4119 Bellview Avenue**. For additional information, call **228-475-7462** or visit www.JGRLS.org.

Ina Thompson Moss Point Library Invites You to the Midweek Literary Society

MOSS POINT, MS — Escape the midweek blues and immerse yourself in great stories at the **Midweek Literary Society** at the Ina Thompson Moss Point Library. Meeting **every other Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.**, this welcoming group is the perfect retreat for book lovers of all kinds. Discover new reads, share your thoughts, and enjoy lively conversations in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

No commitment is required, just bring your curiosity and your love of reading. Whether you're exploring fiction, nonfiction, or anything in between, you'll find a community ready to turn the middle of your week into a literary adventure.

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For more information, contact: Jim Thompson, Branch Manager (228) 857-1193

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Handmade Cardmaking Workshop

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS — The Ocean Springs Municipal Library will host **Handmade Cardmaking 101** on **Thursday, April 9 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.** This creative workshop invites adults to learn the art of designing unique, handmade greeting cards.

Participants will be guided by **Angela Stewart, Director of the Jackson-George Regional Library System and an experienced card designer**, as she demonstrates techniques for creating personalized, one-of-a-kind cards for special occasions and loved ones. The program encourages creativity and self-expression while providing participants with the skills and inspiration to craft memorable handmade cards.

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Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Community Movie Night Featuring *Zootopia 2*

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS — The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites families and community members to enjoy a **free Movie Night at the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center on Friday, April 17 at 5:30 p.m.**

The evening will feature a screening of Disney's *Zootopia 2*, bringing the beloved animated characters back to the big screen for a fun night out for audiences of all ages.

The event will take place at **The Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center, 1600 Government Street in Ocean Springs**. Admission is free.

Refreshments, including pizza, drinks, and popcorn, will be available for purchase and will be sold by the **Friends of the Ocean Springs Municipal Library**. The event is sponsored by the Friends group along with support from **Marco's Pizza**.

The community is invited to bring family and friends and enjoy a relaxed movie night together.

For more information, contact the **Ocean Springs Municipal Library at 228-875-1193** or follow **Facebook and Instagram @JacksonGeorgeLibrary**.

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Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Balloon Animals 101 Workshop

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS — The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites the community to learn the art of balloon twisting during **Balloon Animals 101 on Saturday, April 25 from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.**

Led by accomplished balloon artist **Trish Stryker**, this fun and interactive workshop will introduce participants to the basics of creating adorable balloon animals. Attendees will learn simple twisting techniques and leave with the skills to make their own inflatable creations.

The program is **open to all ages** and is perfect for families, aspiring performers, and anyone interested in learning a playful new skill.

Registration is required to attend. Participants can register by calling the library or visiting the circulation desk. The workshop will be held at the **Ocean Springs Municipal Library, 525 Dewey Avenue**.

For more information or to register, call **228-875-1193** or follow **Facebook and Instagram @JacksonGeorgeLibrary**.

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Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Author Amelia Franz for Book Presentation and Signing

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS — The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites the community to attend a **book presentation and author signing with Amelia Franz on Thursday, April 23 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

Franz will discuss her new book, *The Longest Man-Made Beach in the World: Biloxi Stories*, a compelling collection of stories centered on everyday people living along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The book offers vivid snapshots of ordinary lives shaped by the region's unique culture and landscape.

Following the presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to meet the author and have their books signed.

The event is **sponsored by the Friends of the Ocean Springs Municipal Library** and will be held at the **Ocean Springs Municipal Library, 525 Dewey Avenue.**

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Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Weekly Lapsit Story Time

Ocean Springs, MS – The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites parents and their little ones to join **Lapsit Story Time with Mrs. Amanda** every **Tuesday at 10 a.m.** This weekly program is designed especially for babies and toddlers, offering a cozy and welcoming space to share stories, songs, and soothing activities. Families can relax together while building early literacy and social skills in a nurturing environment. For more information, call the Ocean Springs Municipal Library

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Weekly Story Time with Mrs. Amanda

Ocean Springs, MS – The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites families to **Weekly Story Time with Mrs. Amanda**, held every **Wednesday at 10 a.m.** This special program is designed for Pre-K children and features stories, songs, and crafts that encourage creativity, learning, and fun. Parents and caregivers are welcome to join as their little ones explore the joy of reading and interactive activities in a warm, welcoming space. For more details, call the Ocean Springs Municipal Library.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Launches Kids Drawing Club

Ocean Springs, MS – Young artists are invited to bring their imagination to life at the Ocean Springs Municipal Library's new **Kids Drawing Club**, meeting **every other Wednesday starting March 4th from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

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This creative club offers children a fun and welcoming space to explore drawing, experiment with color, and build artistic confidence. Whether they love doodling, sketching characters, or creating their own masterpieces, kids will have the chance to learn new techniques and share their creativity with friends.

The Kids Drawing Club is free and open to young artists ready to express themselves through art.

Let creativity shine, one crayon at a time!

Board Game Exchange at Ocean Springs Municipal Library

Ocean Springs, MS —The **Ocean Springs Municipal Library** invites the community to take part in its ongoing **Board Game Exchange**, a fun and flexible way to refresh your game shelf all year long.

Patrons can **bring in a board game they no longer use** and **swap it for a new-to-you game** from the library's exchange collection, any time the library is open. Whether you're looking to try a new strategy game, family classic, or party favorite, the Board Game Exchange offers a simple way to explore fresh entertainment without the cost. This free, continuous program encourages community sharing, sustainability, and hours of at-home fun.

For more information, visit the **Ocean Springs Municipal Library** or explore www.JGRLS.org.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Launches "Black Hearts Book Club"

Ocean Springs, MS —The **Ocean Springs Municipal Library** is excited to announce the launch of the **Black Hearts Book Club**, meeting on the **second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m., starting in January**.

This new club welcomes readers who are drawn to stories with **passion, complexity, and a darker edge**. The Black Hearts Book Club is the perfect space for fans of **dark romance** and **romantasy**, genres that explore raw emotion, powerful world-building, and the fine line between love and danger.

All reading preferences are welcome, if you're ready for open discussion, big feelings, and books that leave a mark.

For more information or to join, contact the **Ocean Springs Municipal Library** or visit www.JGRLS.org.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Monthly Tea Club

Ocean Springs, MS —Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites the community to slow down and sip together at **Tea Club**, held on the **fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.** Sponsored and led by **Spice and Tea Merchants**, this monthly gathering offers participants the chance to sample teas from around the world, learn about tea history and traditions, and connect with fellow tea enthusiasts in a welcoming library setting.

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Tea Club is designed for anyone curious about tea, from casual sippers to dedicated connoisseurs, and provides a relaxed opportunity to learn, taste, and socialize. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow @JacksonGeorgeLibrary on Facebook and Instagram.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library and Jackson County 4-H Launch Robotics & STEM Club

Ocean Springs Municipal Library, in partnership with **Jackson County 4-H**, is excited to announce the launch of a **Robotics & STEM Club** for children and teens. The club will meet **every other Tuesday** from **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** at the Ocean Springs Municipal Library.

Participants will gain hands-on experience in **science, technology, engineering, and mathematics**, with a special focus on robotics. The program is open to multiple age groups, including **Cloverbuds (ages 5–7)**, **Juniors (ages 8–13)**, and **Seniors (ages 14–18)**. In addition to skill-building activities, the club may participate in competitions with other STEM and robotics clubs at the local, regional, or national level.

The Robotics & STEM Club is **free to join**, but space is limited. Advance registration is required. For more information or to register, call **228-875-1193** or visit the Ocean Springs Municipal Library. Additional details are available at www.JGRLS.org or by following @JacksonGeorgeLibrary on Facebook and Instagram.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Launches Monthly Junk Journaling Meetup

Ocean Springs, MS —Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites the community to get creative at its new **Junk Journaling Meetup**, held on the **second Saturday of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

This monthly gathering encourages participants to turn everyday “junk” into meaningful art through collage, journaling, and upcycled scrapbooking. Whether attendees are experienced collage artists or completely new to junk journaling, the meetup offers a relaxed, supportive space to experiment, share techniques, and document life creatively.

Refreshments will be generously sponsored by the **Friends of the Ocean Springs Municipal Library**.

The Junk Journaling Meetup is free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow @JacksonGeorgeLibrary on Facebook and Instagram.

All-Abilities Story Time

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS __ Are you looking for a fun and engaging activity to participate in? Join us at Ocean Springs Municipal Library every third Monday at 10 for All Abilities Story Time! Our story time is designed for adults who are differently abled but is open to all ages. You won't want to miss out on the fun and engaging stories that we have lined up, paired with a sensory-filled craft. Our program is inclusive, so everyone is welcome to join us.

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Ocean Springs Municipal Library Launches Weekly Mahjong Club

Ocean Springs, MS — The **Ocean Springs Municipal Library** is excited to announce the start of its new **Mahjong Club**, meeting **every Thursday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Whether you're an experienced player or brand new to the game, everyone is welcome to join in the fun. Mahjong is a classic, tile-based game enjoyed worldwide that combines skill, strategy, and a little bit of luck. Come learn, play, and make new friends in a relaxed and friendly setting. For more information, call **228-875-1193** or visit www.jgrls.org.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Monthly Bingo for Adults

Ocean Springs, MS — **Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Monthly Bingo for Adults**
The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites adults to join the fun at its **Monthly Bingo Program**, held every **third Thursday at 2 p.m.** Test your luck, enjoy friendly competition, and win great prizes provided by the **Friends of the Ocean Springs Municipal Library**. This program is free and open to the public. Don't miss out on an afternoon of laughter, prizes, and community fun! For more information, call the library at **228-875-1193**.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Invites You to Join the Monthly Cookbook Club

Ocean Springs, MS — Food lovers are invited to stir up something delicious at the **Ocean Springs Municipal Library's Cookbook Club**, meeting on the **third Saturday of every month from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Each month, participants choose a featured cookbook or culinary theme, select recipes to try at home, and then gather for a fun and flavorful potluck to share dishes, rate recipes, and discuss their cooking adventures. It's the perfect way to explore new cuisines and meet fellow food enthusiasts!

For more information or to sign up, visit the library's front desk or call **228-875-1193**.

Teens & Tweens Drawing Club

Ocean Springs, MS — Calling all young artists ages **10–18!** The **Ocean Springs Municipal Library** invites you to join the **Tween/Teen Drawing Club** held **every other Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Whether you're a beginner or a budding pro, this club is the perfect place to sketch, doodle, or design in a chill, come-and-go environment. Supplies will be available—but you're welcome to bring your own if you prefer! Hop in late or leave early—this flexible club is made just for you. For details, call **228-875-1193** or visit www.jgrls.org.

Puzzle Competition

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS __ Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Monthly Puzzle Competition

The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites puzzle lovers of all ages to join its **monthly Puzzle Competition**, held every **first Saturday at 10 a.m.** Participants may bring their own teammates or join a group on-site to

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compete in a timed challenge: complete a puzzle before the buzzer! The first team to finish—or come the closest—wins the coveted **“Golden Innie” trophy** and bragging rights until the next competition. Registration is free and available at the Ocean Springs Municipal Library or by calling **228-875-1193**. Don’t miss this chance to test your skills, meet fellow puzzle enthusiasts, and enjoy some friendly competition!

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Teen Book Club at Snow & Boba

Ocean Springs, MS – The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites teens ages 13–18 to join the Teen Book Club, meeting the **last Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m.** at Snow & Boba (3100 Bienville Blvd., Ocean Springs).

This is a fun, relaxed book club where teens can connect over books of all kinds—dystopian, sci-fi, manga, romance, and more. There’s no pressure to finish a book before coming, and it’s okay to show up late! Teens can grab a shaved snow or bubble tea and enjoy a laid-back space to share their love of reading.

For more information, contact the Ocean Springs Municipal Library.

Join the Ocean Springs Gaming Club!

Monthly Event for Gamers of All Ages

Ocean Springs, MS _The **Ocean Springs Municipal Library** invites all gamers to join us for the **Ocean Springs Gaming Club**, held on the **third Wednesday of every month from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM**. Whether you're a fan of Warhammer, Magic: The Gathering, Pokémon, Dungeons and Dragons, or just looking for some fun board games and video game tournaments, this event has something for everyone!

Bring your own gear or use our library’s collection and get ready for an exciting gaming experience. **Snacks and drinks** will be provided, courtesy of the **Friends of the Ocean Springs Municipal Library**. It’s a great way to meet new people, have fun, and show off your gaming skills!

Event Details:

- **Date:** Third Wednesday of Every Month
- **Time:** 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- **Location:** Ocean Springs Municipal Library
- **Ages:** All ages welcome

Explore Flavors & Friendship at the Ocean Springs Cookbook Club

Ocean Springs, MS – The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites food lovers and home cooks to join the **Cookbook Club**, meeting every **third Saturday of the month from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**.

Each month, members select a cookbook theme and bring a dish to share, discuss, and rate in a fun, potluck-style gathering. From timeless classics to global cuisines, there’s always something new to taste and talk about!

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The club meets at the library, located at **525 Dewey Ave.** For more information, call 228-875-1193 or follow us @JacksonGeorgeLibrary on Facebook and Instagram.

Come hungry and leave inspired! 🍴📖

Evening Book Club

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS __ Ocean Springs Municipal Library is holding an Evening Book Club **every 4th Tuesday of the month.** You are invited to join us at 5 PM to discuss the selected book of the month and socialize with new friends. This book club is perfect for those who are looking for fresh recommendations, engaging discussions, diverse opinions, and new connections. If you want to know which book has been chosen for the month, you can call 228-875-1193 or inquire at the front desk. Don't miss out on this incredible display of talent and culture!

Adult Water Class

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS __ Ocean Springs Municipal Library is pleased to announce its upcoming adult program - Watercolor Class. This class will be held **every second Monday at 10 AM.** Whether you are a beginner or an expert, you are welcome to join us for this monthly art class. Marianne, our experienced instructor, will teach a short lesson each month. In the rest of the class time, you can enjoy soft music, paint, and make new friends. If you are interested in this class, please call 228-875-1193 or visit the library to register. We look forward to seeing you there!

Memory Café for Seniors

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS __ The Ocean Springs Municipal Library has collaborated with the Ocean Springs Senior Center to organize a monthly Memory Cafe for seniors. The cafe will take place on the **first Monday of each month at 9:30 AM,** and attendees will meet at the Senior Center located at 515 Washington Ave. During the cafe, participants will discuss various topics, including popular dates, events, and personal memories. To make the event more fun, a trivia round with prizes will be held at the end of each session.

Library Mystery Society

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS __ Ocean Springs Municipal Library is hosting a monthly event called "Library Mystery Society" **every second Saturday at Noon.** This is an opportunity for you to work with your fellow community members and solve the mystery of the month. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library Hosts Monthly Tea Club

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OCEAN SPRINGS, MS — The Ocean Springs Municipal Library invites the community to slow down and sip something new at its **monthly Tea Club**, held on the **fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.**

Sponsored and led by **Spice and Tea Merchants**, Tea Club offers participants the opportunity to sample teas from around the world while learning about tea history, traditions, and brewing methods. The program also provides a relaxed setting to meet new people and enjoy conversation in a welcoming library space.

Tea Club is open to all adults interested in tea, culture, and community. No registration is required.

For more information, contact Ocean Springs Municipal Library at **228-875-1193**, visit www.JGRLS.org, or follow **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary** on Facebook and Instagram.

Unwind with Crafting and Tea at Ocean Springs Municipal Library's Monthly "CRAFTernoon" Teatime"

Ocean Springs, MS — The **Ocean Springs Municipal Library** invites adults to enjoy a peaceful and creative break during **"CRAFTernoon" Teatime**, held on the **fourth Tuesday of every month at 2:00 p.m.**

Relax with a cup of tea while crafting something fun and unique in a friendly, welcoming environment. Each month features a different simple craft project perfect for all skill levels.

Space is limited, so please register in advance by visiting the library's front desk or calling **228-875-1193** to reserve your spot and learn about the upcoming craft.

For more information, visit www.jgrls.org.

Ocean Springs Municipal Library – Calling All Builders!

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS __ Get ready to build, create, and have fun at the **LEGO Club** at **Ocean Springs Municipal Library!** Now meeting **twice, a month** on the **first and third Tuesday** from **3:30 PM - 5:00 PM**, we've got all the LEGO pieces you need to bring your imagination to life! Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Join us for an afternoon of creativity and building excitement! Don't miss out – we can't wait to see what you'll create!

Sit, Stay and Read!

OCEAN SPRINGS, MS __ You are invited to bring your children to the Ocean Springs Municipal Library on the last Saturday of the month to participate in our "Sit, Stay, Read!" program. This program, sponsored by Visiting Pet Teams of South Mississippi, allows children to read to licensed therapy dogs and is designed to boost confidence in early and young readers. The program will run from **10:00 AM to 12:00 PM the last Saturday of the month**. Remember to sign up at least one day before the program by calling or visiting the library. We look forward to seeing you there!

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For more information contact: Cory Joiner, Branch Manager (228) 769-3060

Pascagoula Public Library Hosts Kids Mystery Slime Program

PASCAGOULA, MS — The Pascagoula Public Library invites children and families to join in the gooey fun at the **Kids Mystery Slime Program** on **Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.**

Young participants will start with a simple slime base and then customize their creations with a variety of surprise add-ins to create their own squishy masterpiece. This hands-on activity encourages creativity, sensory exploration, and playful experimentation.

Thanks to support from the **Friends of the Pascagoula Public Library**, all materials will be provided, so participants only need to bring their imagination.

Space for the program is limited, and attendees are encouraged to **reserve their spot in advance** by calling the library.

The program will take place at the **Pascagoula Public Library, 3214 Pascagoula Street.**

To reserve a spot or learn more, call **228-769-3060** or visit www.JGRLS.org. Updates about library events can also be found on **Facebook @JacksonGeorgeLibrary**.

The program is part of the **Jackson-George Regional Library System's mission to inspire ideas, enrich lives, and build communities.**

Pascagoula Public Library Hosts Youth Reverse Coloring Program

PASCAGOULA, MS — The Pascagoula Public Library invites teens to explore their creativity at the **Youth Reverse Coloring** program on **Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.**

Reverse coloring flips traditional coloring on its head. Instead of filling in blank spaces, participants will add their own drawings and designs to colorful watercolor backgrounds, creating imaginative and unique artwork.

This relaxing and creative program is designed for **youth ages 12–18** and encourages participants to unwind while experimenting with art in a fun and unconventional way.

The program is made possible with support from the **Friends of the Pascagoula Public Library**, and all materials will be provided.

Space is limited, so participants are encouraged to **reserve their spot in advance** by calling the library.

The event will take place at the **Pascagoula Public Library, 3214 Pascagoula Street.**

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Pascagoula Public Library Hosts Free Résumé & Interview Workshop

PASCAGOULA, MS — The Pascagoula Public Library will host a **free Résumé & Interview Workshop** on **Saturday, April 11, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.** to help community members strengthen their job search skills and prepare for upcoming opportunities.

This informative workshop is designed for individuals at any stage of their career journey. Whether attendees are applying for their **first job, seeking scholarships, or making a career transition**, the session will provide valuable tools to help participants present themselves confidently and professionally.

Topics covered during the workshop will include:

- Building and improving a résumé
- Starting and structuring a cover letter
- Communicating skills effectively
- Preparing for job interviews
- Using AI tools to assist with job applications
- Strategies for making a memorable impression with employers

Participants will leave with practical knowledge and tips that can help them gain a competitive edge in today's job market.

The workshop is **free to attend**, but **space is limited**, and early registration is encouraged.

The event will take place at the **Pascagoula Public Library, 3214 Pascagoula Street.**

For more information or to reserve a spot, call **228-769-3060**, visit www.JGRLS.org, or follow **Facebook @JacksonGeorgeLibrary**.

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Pascagoula Public Library Hosts Creative "Bookmark" Craft Workshop

PASCAGOULA, MS — The Pascagoula Public Library invites the community to give retired books a second life at the **"Bookmark" Craft Workshop** on **Saturday, April 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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Hosted by the **Friends of the Pascagoula Library**, this creative program encourages participants to transform recycled books into personalized bookmarks and other artistic creations. The workshop celebrates the idea of **reviving retired books and breathing new life into forgotten stories** through hands-on crafting.

Basic supplies and recycled books will be provided, but participants are welcome to bring any additional materials they would like to incorporate into their designs.

Space for the program is limited, and attendees are encouraged to **RSVP by calling or visiting the library**.

The event will take place at **Pascagoula Public Library, 3214 Pascagoula Street**.

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Pascagoula Public Library Hosts LEGO Club for Young Builders

PASCAGOULA, MS — The Pascagoula Public Library invites young builders to join the **LEGO Club**, a creative program designed to inspire imagination and hands-on fun.

The club will meet on **Thursday, April 23, 2026, and Thursday, May 28, 2026, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.** at the Pascagoula Public Library.

Participants will have the opportunity to build unique LEGO creations while exploring their creativity and problem-solving skills. All LEGO materials will be provided by the library; participants just need to bring their imagination.

The program is designed for children and families. **Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by a parent or adult.**

The program will take place at the **Pascagoula Public Library, 3214 Pascagoula Street**.

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Pascagoula Public Library to Host "Cooking Matters" Hands-On Cooking Course for Adults

PASCAGOULA, MS — Pascagoula Public Library is partnering with Mississippi State University Extension to offer **Cooking Matters®**, a free six-week hands-on cooking course for adults, beginning **Tuesday, March 31**.

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The course will meet weekly on Tuesdays from **4:00–6:00 p.m.** through **May 5** at Pascagoula Public Library.

Led by trained educators, Cooking Matters teaches participants practical skills including food preparation, grocery shopping, meal planning, food budgeting, and nutrition. Participants will practice preparing and tasting recipes during class while learning how to make healthy, affordable meals at home.

The program is taught by **Shelby E. Naron, MS, RD, LD, CHES, Nutrition Educator with Mississippi State University Extension.**

To register, contact **228-769-3213** or email sen174@msstate.edu.

For additional information about library programs, contact Pascagoula Public Library at **228-769-3060** or visit www.JGRLS.org.

Pascagoula Public Library Hosts “Hack That Painting” Creative Art Workshop

PASCAGOULA, MS — The Pascagoula Public Library invites the community to unleash their creativity at the **“Hack That Painting” Art Workshop on Thursday, April 23 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

This imaginative program encourages participants to reinvent and personalize pre-loved artwork. Attendees will select from a variety of donated paintings and add their own creative touches, whether whimsical, dramatic, subtle, or unexpected, to transform forgotten art into something entirely new.

No artistic experience is required. The workshop is designed for anyone who enjoys creativity, experimentation, and having fun while crafting a unique masterpiece.

Space for the event is limited, and participants are encouraged to **reserve their spot by calling or visiting the library.**

The workshop will take place at **Pascagoula Public Library, 3214 Pascagoula Street.**

For more information or to register, call **228-769-3060** or visit www.JGRLS.org. Updates and additional programs can also be found on **Facebook @JacksonGeorgeLibrary.**

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Pascagoula Public Library Hosts Weekly Preschool Storytime

Pascagoula, MS — The Pascagoula Public Library invites families to join **Preschool Storytime every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.** Children can enjoy a morning filled with stories, songs, and fun activities led by Ms. Sara. Storytime is designed especially for preschoolers, but children of all ages are welcome to participate. It’s the perfect opportunity to spark a love of reading while making memories together.

Teatime Returns to Pascagoula Public Library

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Pascagoula, MS — The Pascagoula Public Library is delighted to announce the return of its beloved *Tuesday Teatime* gatherings after a long remodeling break. Patrons are once again invited to enjoy a relaxing afternoon of warm tea, friendly conversation, and community connection in the library's newly refreshed space.

Teatime will be held **every Tuesday from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Guests are welcome to bring their favorite mugs and join in the cozy atmosphere as they sip, socialize, and make lasting memories. For more information, call the Pascagoula Public Library at (228) 769-3060.

Pascagoula Public Library Launches Silent Circle Book Club

Pascagoula, MS – The Pascagoula Public Library invites book lovers to unwind and reconnect with reading at its **Silent Circle Book Club**, held **every third Tuesday from 5:00–6:00 p.m.**

This unique, low-pressure gathering offers an hour of quiet reading time followed by an optional, relaxed discussion. There's no assigned book—participants simply bring whatever they're currently reading and enjoy a peaceful space surrounded by fellow readers.

Designed for those who love books but prefer a flexible, stress-free format, Silent Circle Book Club creates a welcoming atmosphere where community and literature come together.

For more information or to sign up, call the library today.

ST. MARTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

For more information contact:

Amber McMahon, Branch Manager – 228-392-3250

St. Martin Public Library Hosts K-Pop Social for Youth

ST. MARTIN, MS — The St. Martin Public Library invites young fans to celebrate their love of music and pop culture at a **K-Pop Social** on **Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 2:30 p.m.**

With school out that week, the library is offering a fun afternoon filled with **music, crafts, refreshments, and K-Pop trivia** centered around one of everyone's favorite K-Pop movies. The event is designed to bring young fans together to make new friends while enjoying all things K-Pop.

The program is intended for **children ages 5–13**, and **children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.**

The event will take place at the **St. Martin Public Library, 15004 Lemoyne Boulevard.**

Registration is required to attend. Those interested are encouraged to reserve their spot by calling **228-392-3250.**

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This program is made possible through the support of the **Friends of the St. Martin Public Library** and is part of the **Jackson-George Regional Library System's mission to inspire ideas, enrich lives, and build communities.**

For more information about upcoming library programs, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow **Facebook @JacksonGeorgeLibrary**.

St. Martin Public Library Hosts DIY Button Tree Craft Program

ST. MARTIN, MS — The St. Martin Public Library invites adults to get creative at its upcoming **DIY Button Tree** program on **Wednesday, April 23 at 3:00 p.m.**

Participants will enjoy an afternoon of crafting as they design and decorate a painted tree using colorful buttons to create a unique and eye-catching piece of art. This hands-on program offers a fun and relaxing way to explore creativity while producing a personalized project to take home.

The program is open to **adults ages 18 and up**, and all materials will be provided. **Space is limited**, so early registration is encouraged. To reserve a spot, call **228-392-3250**.

This program is made possible by the **Friends of the St. Martin Library** and is part of the **Jackson-George Regional Library System's mission to inspire ideas, enrich lives, and build communities.**

For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow **Facebook @JacksonGeorgeLibrary**.

St. Martin Public Library Hosts Walking Rainbow Science Experiment

ST. MARTIN, MS — The St. Martin Public Library invites children to explore a colorful science activity at the **Walking Rainbow Experiment** program on **Wednesday, April 22 at 3:30 p.m.**

Participants will learn how to create “walking rainbows” through a fun hands-on experiment that demonstrates basic scientific principles in an engaging and visually exciting way. Young scientists will discover how colors move and mix while creating their own vibrant rainbow display.

The program is open to **children ages 5–12**, and **children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult**.

This event is made possible with the support of the **Friends of the St. Martin Public Library**.

Registration is required, and space is limited. Those interested in attending are encouraged to reserve their spot by calling the library. The program will take place at the **St. Martin Public Library, 15004 Lemoyne Boulevard**. For more information or to register, call **228-392-3250**, visit www.JGRLS.org, or follow **Facebook @JacksonGeorgeLibrary**.

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Homeschool Crafternoon

ST. MARTIN, MS __ Join us at the St. Martin Public Library on the **2nd Tuesday** of each month for our exciting Homeschool Crafternoon event! Bring your family and drop in anytime between 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to get creative in the Children's Library. After the craft session, feel free to stick around and mingle with other homeschoolers. No need to register, but it's preferable. This program is perfect for elementary-aged children and is made possible by the Friends of the St. Martin Public Library. Remember, children under 10 years old must be accompanied by an adult. We can't wait to see you there!

VANCLEAVE PUBLIC LIBRARY

For more information, contact: Lauria Barton, Branch manager – 228-826-5857

Vancleave Public Library Hosts “Egg-cellent Creations” Egg Dyeing Program

VANCLEAVE, MS — The Vancleave Public Library invites homeschool families to join in a fun and creative spring activity during its **“Egg-cellent Creations” Egg Dyeing Program on Wednesday, April 1 at 1:00 p.m.**

This hands-on program offers participants the opportunity to explore colorful egg dyeing techniques and create beautifully decorated eggs in a welcoming, family-friendly environment. It's a perfect way to celebrate the season while encouraging creativity and artistic expression.

The program is designed especially for **homeschool families**, and all necessary materials will be provided.

Supplies are limited, so advance registration is encouraged.

To sign up, visit the front desk or call **228-826-5857**.

This program is part of the **Jackson-George Regional Library System's** ongoing efforts to provide engaging educational and creative opportunities for the community.

For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow Facebook **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary**.

Friends of the Vancleave Public Library Announce Library T-Shirt Art Contest

The Friends of the Vancleave Public Library invite community members to participate in a **Library T-Shirt Art Contest**, giving artists the opportunity to have their original design featured on the official library T-shirt.

Participants are encouraged to create artwork **inspired by their favorite book**. The winning design will be announced during the **Spring Festival on April 4**, where the artist may claim a **free T-shirt** featuring their artwork. Library T-shirts will also go on sale beginning April 4.

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Artwork submissions will be accepted **February 1 through March 25** and may be dropped off at the **Vancleave Public Library**, located at **12604 Highway 57**.

For more information, please call **228-826-5857** or visit www.JGRLS.org.

Vancleave Public Library Launches Ultimate Reading Contest for All Ages

VANCLEAVE, MS — The Friends of the Vancleave Public Library invite readers of all ages to participate in the **Ultimate Reading Contest**, beginning **February 1**.

Open to children, teens, and adults, the ongoing contest offers a new chance to win prizes every month. Participants can earn entries by completing **10 library check-outs within a calendar month** or by **writing a book review** to be shared online and on the library's bulletin board. Check-outs do not carry over between months.

With multiple ways to enter and monthly prize drawings, the contest encourages reading, creativity, and regular library visits for the whole community.

For more information, visit www.JGRLS.org, follow **@JacksonGeorgeLibrary** on Facebook and Instagram, or contact Vancleave Public Library at **826-5857**.

Friends of the Vancleave Public Library Announce \$500 Amazon Gift Card Raffle

The Friends of the Vancleave Public Library are hosting a raffle for a chance to **win a \$500 Amazon gift card**, with proceeds benefiting library programs and services.

Raffle tickets are **\$10 each** and **limited to 150 tickets**, so participants are encouraged to purchase early. The winning ticket will be announced during the **April 4th Spring Festival**, where the winner can claim their prize.

Tickets are available through the **Vancleave Public Library**, located at **12604 Highway 57**.

For more information, call **228-826-5857** or visit www.JGRLS.org.

Vendors Wanted for Spring Fling 2026 & Craft Show at Vancleave Public Library

Vancleave, MS – The Friends of the Vancleave Public Library are now accepting vendors for the highly anticipated **Spring Fling 2026 & Craft Show**, happening **Saturday, April 4, 2026 from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**.

This exciting family-friendly event will feature a craft show, food vendors, carnival games, a bouncy house, and plenty of community fun. Local artisans, small businesses, and food trucks are invited to showcase their products and connect with hundreds of attendees.

Vendor booth pricing:

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- **\$30 Outside Booth**
- **\$40 Inside Booth**
- **\$50 Food Truck**

Interested vendors should call **228-826-5857** for registration and additional details.

The event will be held at **Vanceleave Public Library, 12604 Hwy 57**. Spaces are limited and expected to fill quickly.

Spring Fling 2026 & Craft Show Brings Family Fun to Vanceleave

Vanceleave, MS – Mark your calendars! The Friends of the Vanceleave Public Library are hosting the **Spring Fling 2026 & Craft Show** on **Saturday, April 4, 2026, from 10 AM–2 PM** at the Vanceleave Public Library (12604 Hwy 57).

This **FREE** family event will feature local craft vendors, food trucks, carnival games, a bouncy house, and exciting activities for all ages. Don't miss the high-energy **Foam Party from 12–1 PM!**

At **11:30 AM**, winners of the **Big Amazon Raffle** and the **T-Shirt Art Contest** will be announced.

Bring the whole family and celebrate spring while supporting your local library! For vendor information or event details, call **228-826-5857**.

Vanceleave Public Library Launches “Blast Off Builders” Rocket Program for Kids

VANCELEAVE, MS — The Vanceleave Public Library invites young creators to reach for the stars at its upcoming **“Blast Off Builders” Rocket Building Program** on **Tuesday, April 7 at 4:00 p.m.**

This exciting hands-on program gives children the opportunity to design and build their very own rockets while exploring creativity and basic engineering concepts. Young participants will enjoy a fun, interactive environment that encourages imagination, problem-solving, and discovery.

The program is intended for **children ages 5–12**, making it a perfect after-school activity for budding engineers and space enthusiasts.

Supplies are limited, so advance registration is required. To sign up, visit the front desk or call **228-826-5857**.

This program is part of the **Jackson-George Regional Library System's** commitment to inspiring learning and creativity throughout the community.

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Vanceleave Public Library Hosts Candle Canvas Craft Program

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VANCLEAVE, MS — The Vancleave Public Library invites the community to get creative at its upcoming **Candle Canvas** program on **Tuesday, April 14 at 4:00 p.m.**

This hands-on craft experience will give participants the opportunity to transform ordinary candles into beautiful, personalized works of art. Attendees will explore candle painting techniques using colors, patterns, and unique designs to create one-of-a-kind decorative pieces.

The program is perfect for **beginners and experienced artists alike**, offering a relaxing and creative environment where participants can express themselves and take home a finished project.

All supplies will be provided; however, **space and materials are limited**, so early registration is encouraged.

To reserve a spot, participants can sign up at the front desk or call **228-826-5857**.

For more information about this and other programs, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow **Facebook @JacksonGeorgeLibrary**.

Vancleave Public Library Hosts “Broken Crayon Art” Open Studio Event

VANCLEAVE, MS — The Vancleave Public Library invites the community to get creative during a special **Open Studio Tuesday: Broken Crayon Art** event on **Tuesday, April 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Participants will learn how to transform broken and unused crayons into colorful, one-of-a-kind masterpieces using a variety of artistic techniques. This drop-in style program allows attendees to stop by anytime during the event hours and explore their creativity at their own pace.

The program is part of the library’s Open Studio series, designed to provide accessible, hands-on art experiences for the community. All materials will be provided.

This program is offered through the **Jackson-George Regional Library System**, whose mission is to inspire ideas, enrich lives, and build communities.

For updates and more programs, visit www.JGRLS.org or follow **Facebook @JacksonGeorgeLibrary**.

Open Studio Tuesdays at Vancleave Public Library

Vancleave, MS —The **Vancleave Public Library** invites artists, hobbyists, and anyone looking for a creative outlet to join **Open Studio Tuesdays**, held every Tuesday from **10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

This come-and-go art day provides a **relaxed, welcoming space** where participants can create art at their own pace, meet other creative people, and enjoy a supportive atmosphere. Attendees can bring their own supplies or use the **limited materials available at the library**.

Whether you enjoy working with **colored pencils, graphite, charcoal, watercolor, acrylics**, or simply want a peaceful space to explore your creativity, **Open Studio Tuesdays** offers a flexible, no-pressure environment. There is **no formal class**, just a friendly studio space where you can drop in for a few minutes or stay all day.

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“Sewing Machine 101” Free Instruction at Vancleave Public Library

Vancleave, MS — The Vancleave Public Library is offering **free Sewing Machine 101 instruction**, perfect for anyone who has a sewing machine but isn’t quite sure how to use it.

Participants will receive **one-on-one or small group instruction** covering the basics of sewing machine operation, including threading, setup, and simple functions. Whether you’re new to sewing or need a refresher, this personalized guidance will help you feel confident and ready to create.

Limited time slots are available, and interested participants should call **228-826-5857** to schedule an appointment.

Vancleave Quilting Bees Quilting Club

VANCLEAVE, MS __ Vancleave Public Library invites you to join the Vancleave Quilting Bees Quilting Club, meeting every Monday from 4 to 6 pm. This club is a place for fellowship and fun, united by a love for quilting. Whether you're a member or a guest, you're welcome to explore and share patterns, tips, and techniques. For more information, call Lana Self at 228-218-0655.

Storytime at Vancleave Public Library

VANCLEAVE, MS __ Vancleave Public Library invites you to Story Time every Thursday at 10:00 AM. Bring your little ones for a morning filled with reading, crafts, games, and fun!

Wednesday Crochet Club

VANCLEAVE, MS __ Join us at Vancleave Public Library on Wednesdays at 10 for Beginning Crochet. Let's learn a new skill together with an introductory lesson on the art of crochet. We kindly ask that you bring your own crochet hook and preferred color of yarn for this class, preferably a light color. This program is open to homeschoolers of all ages. To reserve your spot, please call 228-826-5857.

Book Talk & Potluck: Food for Thought!

VANCLEAVE, MS __ The Vancleave Public Library invites you to the newly scheduled **Book Talk & Potluck: Good Reads and Great Eats!** Starting this month, we’ll gather on the **first Wednesday of each month at 1 PM** to share our favorite stories and dishes. Bring a potluck item to share and join fellow book enthusiasts for a fun and flavorful discussion. Whether you're a foodie, a bookworm, or both, this event

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promises to satisfy your appetite for good reads and great company. See you at the library—don't forget your dish and your latest literary love!

First Friday Food Trucks Return to Vancleave Public Library

Vancleave, MS – The Friends of the Vancleave Public Library invite the community to enjoy great food and local flavor at **First Friday Food Trucks**, held at the Vancleave Public Library.

Food trucks will be serving from **11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., or until sold out**, offering a variety of delicious options for lunch, dinner, or an afternoon treat.

This monthly event is sponsored by the **Friends of the Vancleave Library** and provides a fun opportunity for the community to gather, support local vendors, and enjoy time together.

For more information, please call **228-238-9188**.

The Vancleave Public Library is located at **12604 Hwy 57**. Visit www.JGRLS.org or follow @JacksonGeorgeLibrary on Facebook and Instagram for updates.